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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GROUP 3(A)-TARIFFS

REF: GENEVA 987

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED DOCUMENT MTN/3A-1, "GROUP 3(A) - CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN," DATED FEBRUARY 27, FOR MTN GROUP 3(A) MEETING ON TARIFFS BEGINNING MARCH 11. COPIES AIR MAILED STR (KELLY), EB/OT/TA (HOLMES), AND COMMERCE (ABBUHL).

2. DOCUMENT REVIEWS GATT WORK DONE IN DATA COLLECTION AND TARIFF ANALYSIS IN RECENT YEARS, THEN OUTLINES WORK TO BE DONE. IT STATES GROUP MAY WISH BEGIN WITH REVIEW OF WORK DONE AND AGREED TO BE DONE, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF COM/IND/W/111 AND ADD. 1 ON THE GSP AND MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS, AND COM/IND/W/91, ADDS 4, 5, AND 6 AND COM/IND/W/112, PARA 5 ON VARIOUS TABULATIONS AND PROFILES.

3. DOCUMENT STATES GROUP WILL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS REGARDING HOW TO RUN TABULATIONS  
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INLLUSTRATING (A) AN APPROACH TO HARMONIZATION IN

WHICH ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF IMPORTANCE OF  
PREFERENTIAL TRADE OR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF MARGINS, (B)  
THE EFFECTS OF A NUMBER OF OTHER FORMULAE FOR PRO-  
GRESSIVE REDUCTIONS OF DUTIES, AND (C) THE STRUCTURE  
OF TARIFFS IN THE 23 PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND 119 SUB-  
CATEGORIES BY SHOWING THE WEIGHTS OF INDIVIDUAL  
BTN HEADINGS MAKING UP THE CATEGORY AND SUB-CATEGORY  
AVERAGES. IT SAYS WHILE DETERMINATION OF BASE DATES  
AND BASE RATES OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS FOR PURPOSE OF  
NEGOTIATIONS AND OF BASE YEARS FOR COLLECTION OF  
STATISTICS MAY BE LEFT FOR LATER MEETINGS, GROUP WILL  
NOW HAVE TO CONSIDER HOW ORGANIZE THIS PART OF ITS  
WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH GROUP 3(E).

4. FINALLY, IT STATES THIS FIRST MEETING WILL HAVE  
TO DECIDE HOW TO UPDATE TARIFF STUDY DATA AND NOTES  
DECISION WILL HAVE BEARING ON POINTS 5 AND 6 OF WORK PROGRAM.  
IF 1972 IS CHOSEN, AUTUMN OF 1974 WOULD BE EARLIEST  
COMPLETION DATE. IF 1973 SELECTED, SUMMER OF 1975  
WOULD BE SOONEST. REASONS GIVEN ARE SAME AS THOSE  
DESCRIBED IN PARA 2(A) OF REFTTEL. ALSO, COMMENCEMENT  
OF DISCUSSION OF UNIT OF ACCOUNT TO BE USED IN  
NEGOTIATIONS IS REQUIRED (POINT 7 OF WORK PROGRAM). DALE

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